THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per information of Director General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics India's export of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy Medicines, crude plants and plant extracts was approximately Rs. 1595 crore in 2004-2005. With the incresing importance of traditional and alternative medicine in health care, the safety and efficacy as well as quality control of traditional medicine have become important concerns. These concerns are being addressed by regulatory and research & development measures undertaken by the Department of AYUSH. The Department AYUSH has also undertaken information, education and communication activities *e.g.* organization of Arogya exhibition at Delhi and other places in India, participation in international exhibitions and fairs relating to traditional medicine and deputation of experts for participation in international seminars. The Government is also implementing Centrally Sponsored Schemes relating to development of AYUSH educational institutions, hospital & dispensaries and drug quality control.

GDP spending on health

659. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that private sector is spending more in health care in India than Government;

(b) if so, the details including percentage of private and Government spending on health care for the last three years, State-wise, years-wise, category-wise; and

(c) the details of the share of GDP utilized for public health by various countries as on today?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are enclosed at Statement (See below). The State-wise, category-wise figures are not maintained by the Government.

(c) The details are enclosed as Statement-ll.

Statement-I

Government and Private Spending on Healthcare

	2000	2001	2002
Government expenditure on Health (%)	20.9	20.7	21.3
Private expenditure on Health (%)	79.1	79.3	78.7

Source: World Health Report 2005

Statement-ll

Public Health Spending as % of GDP

India	China	U.K.	Pakistan	Thailand	Sri Lanka	Bangladesh
0.9	2.0	6.2	1.0	2.1	1.8	1.6

Source: Human Development Report 2004

Delhi High Court's directions on medical reimbursement

660. SHRI BASHISTHANARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether full amount is reimbursed to Government employees for money spent by them on treatment at State run hospitals and those empanelled for specialized treatment;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware of the judgment of the High Court of Delhi [WP(C) 5015 of 2003] ruling that full reimbursement be made of the money spent by the patient;

(d) if so, the response of Government thereto; and

(e) the action Government propose to take to implement orders of the Hon'ble High Court?